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For: DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS,  
DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, DATA  
COMMUNICATION METHOD, DATA  
COMMUNICATION PROGRAM AND  
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

Examiner: D. Chery

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

This request is responsive to the November 13, 2007 Office Action. Claims 1-24 and 30 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Application No. 2003/0227934 to White et al. ("White"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites "a re-transfer part" which performs a number of tasks "when receiving reception error information" from one of the plurality of designated transfer destinations. One of those tasks is to communicate "an ignore instruction" to transfer destinations that did not transmit reception error information.